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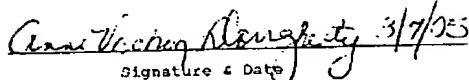
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Serial No. 09/915,611 : Examiner: Melvin Pollack  
Filed: July 26, 2001 : for IBM Corporation  
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR USING A NETWORK  
PROCESSOR TO GUARD AGAINST  
A "DENIAL OF SERVICE" ATTACK  
ON A SERVER OR SERVER CLUSTER  
AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004  
for the above-identified patent application, Applicants  
submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 14.

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